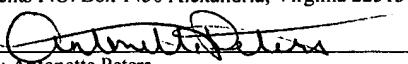


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, said period of response being extended from December 14, 2004 to April 14, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$1020 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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